

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 5, which starts "FIG. 1 is a graph" with the following:

FIG. 1 is a graph showing the spectral characteristics (absorption wavelengths) of a dye (~~C.I. Direct Blue 199~~) (*1) (C.I. Direct Blue 86) (*4) contained in an ink composition of a first preferable form according to the present invention.

Please replace the second paragraph on page 5, which starts "FIG. 2 is a graph" with the following:

FIG. 2 is a graph showing the spectral characteristics (absorption wavelengths) of a dye (~~C.I. Direct Blue 86~~) (*4) (C.I. Direct Blue 199) (*1) contained in an ink composition of a second preferable form according to the present invention.

Please amend TABLE 3 on page 18 as follows:

[Table 3]

		Examples										Comparative Examples		
		9	10	11	12	13	7	8	9					
Colorant Solvents etc.	C.I. Direct Blue 86 88 (*4)	1	1	1.5	1.5	0.5	1	1	1					
	Glycerol	5	5	5	10	10	5	5	5					
	Triethylene glycol	5	10	10	3	3	5	5	5					
	2-pyrrolidone		1	1	2	2								
	Triethanolamine	1			0.5	0.5	1	1	1					
	Diethylene glycol monobutyl ether				8	8								
	Triethylene glycol monobutyl ether	10	10	10			10	10	10					
	Olfine E1010 (*5)		1	1										
	Olfine PD001 (*5)	1			1	1	1	1	1					
	Potassium hydroxide			1										
Additives	Benzenesulfonic acid			3										
	Sodium naphthalene-2-sulfonate		3											
	Disodium naphthalene-2,6-disulfonate	4												
	Disodium naphthalene-2,7-disulfonate				5									
	Trisodium naphthalene-1,3,6-trisulfonate					10								
	Disodium 4,5-dihydroxy naphthalene-2,6-disulfonate								4					
	Sodium 7-amino-4-hydroxynaphthalene-2-sulfonate													3
	Proxel XL-2 (*6)	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3					
Others	Water									Remainder				
Ratio between colorant and aromatic sulfonic acid/sulfonate		1:4	1:3	1:2	1:3.3	1:10	--	1:1.4	1:3					

*4: Colorant having absorption wavelengths as shown in FIG. 2 used

*5: Made by Nissin Chemical Industry Co., Ltd.

*6: Made by Avecia Ltd.